

§ 51b.403

Venereal disease means gonorrhea, syphilis, or any other disease which can be sexually transmitted and which the Secretary determines is or may be amenable to control with assistance provided under this authority and which is of national significance.

Venereal disease control program means a program designed to carry out activities or to provide services to systematically detect and prevent venereal disease as distinguished from those activities or services which are designed to diagnose or treat venereal disease patients or suspects.

§ 51b.403 Who is eligible for a grant under this subpart?

An applicant must be a State agency or a political subdivision of a State which has legal responsibility for disease control under the laws of the State.

§ 51b.404 What are the confidentiality requirements?

All information obtained by program personnel in connection with the examination, care, and treatment of an individual in this program shall be held confidential. It shall not be disclosed without the individual's consent except as may be required by the law of a State or political subdivision of a State or as may be necessary to provide services to the individual. Information may be disclosed in summary, statistical, or other form, or for clinical or research purposes, but only if the disclosure does not identify particular individuals.

§ 51b.405 What information is required in the application?

(a) The initial application must include a description of the following:

- (1) The nature and extent of the venereal disease problem in the area.
- (2) The need for project grant support.
- (3) The immediate (1-year budget period) and long-range (2-5 year project period) objectives of the project in specific and measurable terms.
- (4) The activities to be carried out to meet the objectives. The following program elements must be included and described:
 - (i) Venereal disease surveillance.

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- (ii) Casefinding and case followup.
- (iii) Interstate epidemiologic referral and followup.

(iv) Public venereal disease information and education.

(v) Professional (including appropriate allied health personnel) venereal disease education, training, and clinical skills improvement activities, including efforts to assure high quality clinical services in public venereal disease clinics.

(5) At the option of the applicant, special studies or demonstrations to evaluate or test venereal disease prevention and control strategies and activities.

(6) The manner in which the applicant intends to conduct and evaluate the project, including a system for analysis of morbidity data so that control activities can be efficiently evaluated and targeted.

(7) The diagnostic and treatment services that will be provided.

(8) A budget and justification for the grant funds requested. Since public information and education activities are authorized separately from other control program activities, funds requested for this purpose must be itemized and justified separately in the narrative part of the application.

(b) An application for a continuation grant must be submitted for each funding period. This continuation application must include the following:

- (1) A budget and justification for the grant funds requested.
- (2) A summary of the progress achieved during the previous budget period.
- (3) A description of any changes in the information shown in the project application.

§ 51b.406 How will grant applications be evaluated and the grants awarded?

(a) Within the limits of funds available, the Secretary may award a grant to assist in meeting the cost of a venereal disease control program. Before awarding a grant to a political subdivision of a State, the Secretary will consult with the State health authority.

(b) Priorities for funding will be based on the following factors: